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Seven acres well improved land, good 1½ story frame house, good well of water, orchard, small barn and other out buildings. On Michigan road. Cheap, part cash balance on three years time.

A 50-acre farm; 2 miles northwest of Plymouth, 6 acres wood land, balance well improved with good 1½ story, 7-room house, cellar, cistern, well, good apple and peach orchard, good bank barn and other outbuildings; price per acre, \$45.

A 50-acre farm, 4 miles south of city with all firstclass modern improvements and in firstclass repair; price per acre \$60.

Twenty acres, 4-room house good well of water, 1½ miles southwest of Ilion; price per acre, \$40.

A 160-acre farm, 7 miles south of Plymouth, 3 miles northwest of Argos 1½ story house, good well and cistern, 2 orchards, all fenced, 90 acres under good cultivation, balance timber and pasture land, good large bank barn, 40x80, wind pump tanks; price per acre, \$50.

Eighty acres, 2 miles north of Plymouth, new, 1½-story, 8-room house, cellar, cistern, well with wind pump, good barn, fences, young orchard, 15 acres woodland, balance under cultivation; price per acre, \$50.

Many other properties, such as Residences, Lots, Farms, etc., listed with us every day, for sale or exchange.

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A CHANGE MADE.

The Independent After July 1st will be Under New Management.

The INDEPENDENT for some time past has been laboring under considerable disadvantage, especially has this been the case, since the retirement under a cloud, of J. B. Astley. Knowing this to be a fact, and not desiring again to place in position in connection with this publication, a stranger to assist us in the laborious work as an assistant, we became convinced that the only way for us to do, was to sell an interest in the INDEPENDENT.

Acting upon this suggestion that came to us, we have after considerable negotiation sold a half interest to Mr. A. D. Smith, who has for the past nine months been connected with the Joliet Ill. Daily and Weekly Republican. Mr. Smith is a newspaper man of large experience and marked ability. He has been connected with newspaper work in the past with the present publisher of the INDEPENDENT and therefore will need no recommendation to the people of Plymouth. Mr. Smith has been in our city on two different occasions, at one time with us before this publication was established, and is thoroughly impressed with the beauties of our fair city, and its ability from a business standpoint, to tower above any competing corporation for favors.

It is not necessary for us to laud the ability of Mr. Smith. His eminent fitness for the newspaper work, and his ability as a writer, can speak for itself, and being a talented, affable and intelligent gentleman, his work in Plymouth, will be his best reference.

The political lines of the INDEPENDENT, will remain the same as in the past, for the present at least. The efforts of its publishers will be to give its readers, a good local paper, and endeavoring to improve many features, which presents themselves.

It is with a heart full of gratitude that we desire to thank those who have stood loyally by the INDEPENDENT during its short stay in Plymouth, and although at times the future looked dark before us, our faith in the ultimate success of the INDEPENDENT never wavered; and with the assurance that the efforts put forth in the past has been appreciated, the new firm will boldly launch out for the success that we know awaits us in the future.

Respectfully yours,
A. R. ZIMMERMAN.

Council Meeting.

Our city fathers met in regular session, Monday night last, transacting considerable business. Among other matters the city engineer was instructed to prepare and report the final estimate on the cost of the Jefferson street and Yellow river sewer.

The report of the finance committee was made which gives the following result:

On hand at the present time, \$10,682.37. The expenses incurred amount to \$1,039.00, will leave a balance on hand September 30th 1895, of \$9,643.37.

Ordinances for the paving of part of LaPorte and Michigan streets were passed. The following bills were allowed: Solar Piping Co. \$121.64 George Longmore..... 9.08 H. A. Myers..... 4.06 Z. M. Tanner..... 21.87 Frank Fertig..... 1.04 J. W. Logan..... 7.70 John Cumings..... 45.00 John V. Astley & Son..... 9.73 J. H. Hanley..... 20 Logan Bros..... 64.52 Amos Fuller..... 2.90 R. C. Railsback..... 1.00 William Siddell..... 1.25 Charles Stephens..... 3.00 William Manual..... 3.75 Milt Gilley..... 1.35 C. B. Tift..... 16.87 Simon Myers..... 100.00 Harley A. Logan..... 4.50 W. E. Reynolds..... 19.25 George R. Reynolds..... 29.37 Charles R. Hughes..... 29.37 Joseph Bennet..... 40.00 J. W. Macey..... 16.87 Wellington E. Bailey..... 16.87 Jacob Lechtlightner..... 1.50 Simon Wilson..... 1.50 W. E. Reynolds..... 39.70 William Walters..... 8.33 C. L. Morris..... 3.07 J. V. Astley & Son..... 2.08 David Wiser..... 17.48 Isaac Resler..... 3.50 Frank Fertig..... 2.00 A. North..... 20.55 J. C. Butler..... 46.05

Wash Kelley..... 75.00 W. E. Leonard..... 75.00 Standard Oil Co..... 18.13 Theo. Myers..... 45.00 M. W. Simons..... 223.33

An order was also issued for \$1,000.00, \$1,000.00 of which is to meet water works bonds due July 1st. The balance is to pay the interest on the remaining \$11,000.00.

When the council adjourned it was to meet in special session next Monday night.

Salary Grab.

Ever since the council acted upon, and voted the increase of salary, our Friend McDonald, of the Democrat, has ripped the council up the back, so to speak. The Republican, the supposed official organ of the republican party, has silently ignored the questions propounded by the Democrat, and has not up to date stated its position on this seemingly important question.

As we are, at this time, strictly outside of party lines, we have carefully investigated this subject, and will give it to our readers in a tabulated form, as far back as 1893, the salaries drawn by our city officials. It is for our readers to decide whether the present city administration overstepped their duty to the people, when the increase of salary was made. The following is a correct statement of the salaries drawn by the different city officials from 1893, up to this date, and shows the salaries fixed by the council for the years 1893, 1894 and 1895, and a total for all:

	1893.	1894.	1895.
Mayor	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Marshall	600.00	400.00	500.00
Clerk	400.00	300.00	350.00
Treasurer	400.00	300.00	350.00
Sup't W. W.	175.00	175.00	225.00
Chief F. Dep't	75.00	75.00	100.00
City Attorney	100.00	100.00	175.00
Night Police	547.00	547.00	480.00
Street Com'rs	300.00	315.00	315.00
Councilmen	600.00	300.00	680.00

Total.....\$3,549.00 2,462.00 3,500.00

Members of the School board and board of Health have not been changed. The salary for street commissioner is based upon the amount of one hundred eighty days worked at \$1.75 per day, while in taking that of the councilmen, gives an increase of only \$80. for their services, above that of 1893 when there were only six councilmen, while to day there are eight.

The Notorious.

Once on a time, according to Biblical history, there were two people struck dead for telling untruths and concealing money that rightfully belonged to some one else. We, of course are not living in that age, nor do we think or believe when a fellow citizen is struck down in the prime of life by some dread disease, that it is the result of prevarication.

But we do believe it would be a good thing, if the organic laws were so constructed that some of the notorious liars who live to-day, would receive a tickling sensation at their throats that would give them such a scare that they forever would refrain from sticking their peculiarly constructed nose into other people's business, and forever afterwards tell the truth.

There are some people who believe in conducting their business to suit their consciences and purses, but when, in the conducting of their affairs, they do not concur in the ideas advanced by some men who have not the nerve or even the ability to undertake the march of advancement, they receive the condemnation of this, curse of the 19th century.

The time will come, when these men who desire to crush their neighbors because they are not of the same turn of mind, when they will be compelled to isolate themselves from the companionship of progressive men, and like the lepers of old, compelled to cry out to passers by, unclean! unclean!!

BASE BALL.

Another Defeat Entered Against the Maroons.

Oh, "where am I at" is the expression that could be depicted upon the faces of our base ball boys, when they returned from the fair ground yesterday evening. The "hoodo" was abroad and settled down on the Maroon's side of the game with a vengeance.

It is said that ball teams like rheumatism has its times, and we will have to take advantage of this truthful saying and give our boys the benefit. To say that they played ball yesterday would be a mistake. But they can play ball and notwithstanding the record--20 to 11, we are still ready to swear by our home club.

The Bremen club did excellent work and when they got started they, well, they didn't now when to stop. Outside of the rank game our boys did some excellent work, but was so scattering through-out the game as to be of little avail.

Those Paved Streets.

The principle topic of conversation to be heard upon our streets to-day, is, expressions regarding the action taken Monday night last, by the city council, regarding the paving of LaPorte street between Center and Michigan street, and from the latter point north on Michigan street to Washington street. This pavement is to be of brick with cobble stone gutters.

Thursday last, a reporter for the INDEPENDENT started out with the intention of securing the opinions of those who were property owners, and also all business men along the two streets that would be effected by this movement. We had not proceeded very far, when we discovered that the greater majority of them were unwilling to express their opinions publicly. The few whom we interviewed, believed in public improvements, and while some of them believed the paving of the streets a good thing, did not think the time had arrived to do the work.

Others were in hearty accord with the proposed improvements, and emphasized their approval by saying, if the paving was extended to where their properties were located they would cheerfully pay the amount of their assessments.

The INDEPENDENT has carefully examined as far as possible, in the short time had, the different sides of this important question, and while in hearty accord with all improvements, that are made not only to beautify our city, but give it prestige over other cities of like surroundings, yet we are aware there are those in Plymouth who differ radically with our views on improvements.

We have discovered by a rough estimate, that the general tax payers of Plymouth, have spent enough money through their corporation tax, which has been applied to gravel these two streets, to more than pay for the pavement under contemplation, placing the cost at \$4 per foot.

The gravel that necessarily must be used to keep these streets in repair, and the cost of the same, can be put to good use on other streets that need it, and need it badly.

Again, while the cost incurred by paving these two streets may be considered a hardship to the owners of property on these prominent thoroughfares, yet, we understand they will have ten years to pay it in. As to the indebtedness of our city, which seems to be the principle objection to the new improvements we find this:

According to the statement of the financial committee which made a report Monday night last, the city will have Sept. 1st, 1895, after all the expenses of the city government are paid, \$6,943.37 in the treasury, then adding the returns from the delinquent taxes \$1,300, and about \$100 which will come into the treasury before that time, will give a surplus of \$11,043.37. We are told that the indebtedness of the city of Plymouth, outside of the \$11,000 on the water works, which our readers know are bonds, is \$189.94, to the Michigan Pipe company, for piping which does not fall due until Jan. 1st, 1896.

Improvements takes money, and all those of great importance that have been added to Plymouth, in the past, which makes it stand to-day in the prominent position she occupies, has been brought about by efforts put forth by our progressive citizens. The water works, when first proposed caused a great demonstration of antagonism, and some of our citizens, who were active in securing our water works system, were retired from political activity owing to the position assumed upon this important improvement. And who to-day in the city of Plymouth, would return to the period of time, when our city was without a system of water works for twice the amount of their cost?

Other important features could be produced in favor of these improvements, but space forbids.

This matter is of great importance, and the INDEPENDENT has in an impartial manner presented the facts to its readers as they appear to us. We all differ upon some matters that pertain to our city government, but as citizens of the same community, we should be willing to give our city council the credit of doing what they consider best for our growing city.

Ungratefulness.

While any controversy between the INDEPENDENT and a publication in an other state, is of no concern or interest to our readers, sometimes it is necessary to speak out in "meetin'" regarding some matters that does not pertain to Plymouth, and Marshall county.

Two weeks ago we commented on the board of Lemont, Illinois, had taken the position that astounded the citizens of

that town, by issuing a proclamation, all saloons should be closed on Sundays, between the hours of nine and twelve a. m. This was done because the churches held their regular services at that time. We also spoke about an article that appeared in the Times-Herald, a prize fight that was to take place, the location being kept a secret. The Valparaiso Star, desired to know the location, and being of an obliging turn of mind we gave the information, that it was Lemont. To show how accurate we were: But a few days later an article appeared in the Chicago dailies, telling of a woman who had been shot in this notorious town. It also developed that the whole police force, some twelve in number, were attending a prize fight a few doors from where this courtesan received her death wound from a revolver in the hands of an indignant wife.

The Observer of that place took exceptions to the remarks, and got back at us. He says in last week's issue: Among the leaders in the gang of editorial Jackdaws who delights in saying anything and everything detrimental to Lemont, is A. R. Zimmerman, formerly editor of this paper."

The above quotation will surely bear us out in one particular, at least, and that is, we are fully versed with the condition of Lemont. A beautifully located city, in the Desplaine valley, with a beautiful surrounding country, natural advantages, that stand pre-eminently above a greater portion of the prairie state of Illinois. Among the citizens of this town are some as worthy men and women, as can be found in any locality. But it is truth to say in the minority.

A city with great improvements, electric lights, water works, electric fire alarm, and other improvements utilized by metropolitan cities. But shall we look at the other side. We would fain bury from the gaze of an intelligent community the facts.

Over seventy saloons, bawdy houses, gambling halls, dancing halls, and every device that the human mind can originate to defraud the poor illiterate hobo of his hard earned cash. We believe the citizens of Lemont are not responsible for this class of men being among them, but their city officials are responsible for the laws that permit such lawlessness. The mayor permits all saloons to run wide open on Sundays contrary to the laws of Illinois, and tries to smooth it over by ordering them closed on Sunday, between the hours of nine and twelve a. m., giving them the remainder of the day to continue their death dealing business.

Now Brother Hevener, while we readily admit the position you are in is not pleasant, do not call names when only a small portion of the truth is told.

This is not a Fish Story.

Under the above head the Valparaiso Star, gives its readers a good story, and we would wage, every nickel we have it is true. It always remains for the other fellow to tell a yarn that has a suspicion of untruth about it. It says:

Our esteemed fellow-citizen, George Finney, and little son, were at Flint Lake yesterday engaged in tempting the finny tribe. George is an expert angler, but somehow during the greater part of the day the fish seemed to have evaded his tempting bait.

It was toward evening and his little son was seated in the boat with his legs dangling over the side and his feet trailing in the cool water. For two hours silence had reigned supreme. Not a word had been spoken and the communications between father and son had been carried on by gestures. All at once the monotony of the surrounding stillness was broken by a wild and piercing scream, which emanated from the boy. He was seen to throw himself into the boat and lay white and still in the bottom thereof. The father dropped the fish pole and hurried to the assistance of his son. Upon investigation it was found that a big black bass, weighing almost five pounds, had seized the boy's big toe in its mouth and was still hanging on when Mr. Finney secured it.

After the father and son had recovered from their scare, they cast out their lines and were rewarded with two large bass. Again the lines were spread with even better results. This success continued until a fine string of bass had been landed, when the fishermen returned to this city.

To-day they show no signs of having been the parties in a thrilling experience, which both will long remember with mingled pleasure and surprise.

"Alert" bicycles are made and sold by Underwood & Walls, Center street, near Ft. Wayne tracks. Call and see them before buying your mount for 1895. The celebrated "Spaulding" wheel and other makes, also sundries of all kinds on hand.